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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 21, 22, 31, 33 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,948,061 to Merriman *et al.* (hereinafter "Merriman"). Claims 3, 13 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merriman. Claims 4, 5, 14, 15, 24, 25, 32, 34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merriman in view of United States Patent No. 6,401,085 to Gershman (hereinafter "Gershman"). Claims 6, 7, 10, 16, 17, 20, 26, 27 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merriman in view of United States Patent No. 6,098,081 to Heidorn *et al.* (Hereinafter "Heidorn"). Finally, Claims 8, 9, 18, 19, 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merriman in view of Heidorn in further view of Gershman.

The Advisory Action states with respect to independent Claims 1, 11 and 21:

The claim language does not state in anyway that there is a limit as to how much information the system can request. Therefore, the reference of Merriman teaches the limitation language that is stated above in the referenced areas stated in the Final Office Action. If the Applicant amended the claim language to remedy this limitation, it would require further search and consideration.

See Advisory Action, page 6, paragraph 17. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 11 and 21 to recite that "the plurality of requested client properties" are "less than all available client properties." Thus, favorable examination and allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested. Furthermore, Claims 31, 33 and 35 have been canceled from the present application and, thus, the objections and rejections with respect to these claims have been obviated.

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CONCLUSION

Favorable examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. It is believed that a one month extension of time is required for this paper. However, in the event that any further extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Respectfully submitted,

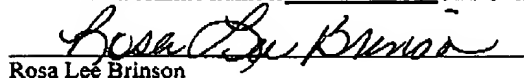


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